## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Holger KLAPPROTH et al. Applicants:

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VIA POLYMER BRUSHES

Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: Forman Docket No.: 116675-007

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir

Applicants hereby petition under the provisions set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply to the Final Office Action mailed 4 January 2006 for three (3) months up to and including 5 July 2006, 4 July 2006 falling on a National holiday, in the aboveidentified application.

The Commissioner hereby is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 the 3-month fee of \$450.00, \$60 paid with the Petition for Extension of Time filed 4 May 2006. The Commissioner hereby is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to our PTO Deposit Account No. 02-1818.

Respectfully submitted.

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